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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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APPLICATION No.: Unassigned

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FOR: **THIN-FILM DRUG DELIVERY ARTICLE AND  
METHOD OF USE**

EXAMINER: Unassigned

ART UNIT: Unassigned

**Transmittal of Utility Patent Application  
for Filing Under 37 CFR §1.53(b)****Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application by inventor(s): Ron L. Hale, Amy T. Lu, Daniel J. Myers, Joshua D. Rabinowitz, and Martin J. Wensley, and entitled:

**THIN-FILM DRUG DELIVERY ARTICLE AND METHOD OF USE**1. Enclosed are:

- ☒ This Transmittal letter
- ☒ One stamped, self-addressed postcard for PTO datestamp
- ☒ One utility patent application containing text pages 1-152 and
  - ☒ 18 Sheets of drawings
- ☒ Executed Declaration of Inventorship
- ☒ Assignment(s) for recordation with transmittal sheet
- ☒ Executed Power of Attorney by Assignee

2. U.S. Priority

- ☒ The present application is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/057,197, filed October 26, 2001, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/296,225, filed June 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/057,198, filed October 26, 2001, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/296,225, filed June 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/146,080, filed May 13, 2002, which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/057,198, filed October 26, 2001, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/296,225, filed June 5, 2001. This Application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/057,197, filed October 26, 2001, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/296,225, filed June 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/146,086, filed May 13, 2002. This

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Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/154,594, filed May 23, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/154,765, filed May 23, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/155,097, filed May 23, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/155,373, filed May 22, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/345,876, filed November 9, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/155,621, filed May 22, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/332,280, filed November 21, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/336,218, filed October 30, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/155,703, filed May 22, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/155,705, filed May 22, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/294,203, filed May 24, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/317,479, filed September 5, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/280,315, filed November 25, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/335,049, filed October 30, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/371,457, filed April 9, 2002. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/302,010, filed November 21, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/332,279, filed November 21, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/302,614, filed November 21, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/332,165, filed November 21, 2001. This application is also a continuation-in-part of Application No. 10/322,227, filed December 17, 2002, which claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/342,066, filed December 18, 2001, and of Provisional Application No. 60/412,068, filed September 18, 2002. All of the applications cited above are incorporated by reference in their entirety.

- ☒ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An Extension of Time is requested to provide for timely filing *if* required to establish copendency with the parent after all papers filed herewith have been considered.

3. Foreign Priority

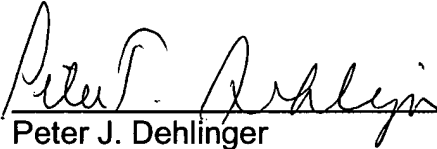
- ☐ Priority of Application No. filed in on is claimed under 35 USC §119.
- ☐ A certified copy of this priority document is enclosed.

4. Fees

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR §1.27.
- ☒ Filing fee to be submitted in response to anticipated receipt of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. **DO NOT CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.**

Respectfully submitted,

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